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My dear Sir,

I received your kind letter a short time before quitting London for my tour through England & therefore did not answer it immediately. I hope you will visit England & go down to Scotland though it should be but for a few days. Edinburgh is the most beautiful city I have seen, not excepting Milan. But I wish you to go to England to form a few acquaintances, & preparing the way for the introduction of a little more of our Yankee common sense on the subject of Biblical criticism, though I have no idea that we have any too much of it. Prof. Stuart's work on the Hebs. is very highly esteemed, quite as much so as it deserves I think. But as a whole the religious mind of England is any thing but awake on criticism. Prophecy is exciting the deepest interest & no one seems looking at through the lens of Exegesis. The Evangelical Party in the Ch. are losing moral power by their attention to this topic & the unprofitable manner in which it is handled. — In London the best, the kindest, the most communicative man you will find is Dr Henderson of the Mission College, Hoxton & who will receive you with open arms, & a warm heart. Mr Burder H. F. I did

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The new President at Harvard is doing very well, & the college is making commendable progress. Dr MacAuley of New York goes to a congregation in Philada. The Genl. Assembly have formed a Foreign & Domestic Missionary Society, unwilling to commit so dear interests to the influence of New England piety. But I have been here so short a time that I can say but little of publick affairs.

Mrs Wheeler, who is at my side, says my love to Mr & Mrs Robinson whom I shall rejoice to meet in our dear native land —

My love to Mr Storrs if you see him!

Very truly yours
John Wheeler
of Windsor,
Vermont.

Let me hear from you.

not see but doubt not you will find him in all respects like Mr Henderson. Mr Horne will perhaps walk through the Library of the British Museum with you & show you the finest library room I ever saw & the method by which he is classifying the old sermons of the Library &c &c - at least that is all the benefit I derived from a very particular letter of Introduction. There is a Mr Dunn at the British & Foreign School Society House Borough Road, a young clergyman who has been in N York that will be very glad to assist you in any way in seeing things, & when this he will do if you merely say you are an Amer clergyman & perhaps add your letters from me. Do see Dr. Wardlaw & Mr Ewing of Glasgow, if possible, it is only four hours ride from Edinburgh. Dr W. I did not see. He ~~is~~ possesses the most influence of any Congl. clergyman in the United Kingdom. At Edinburgh the great ministers are Drs Chalmers, Thompson, Gordon & Mr John Brown. The latter has not the most comprehensive mind, but the best informed on the appropriate works of theology & is the most accomplished ~~prac~~ practical critic on the scriptures that I saw in Eng. or Scotland. Do say to Prof. Tholuck that I spent two days with his friend Thos. Erskine Esqr. who spoke with much affection of Prof. T. & is quite anxious to know what he thinks of his (Mr E's) last work the "Unconditional Freeness of the Gospel". It is exciting much interest in Eng. & Scotland, & is not generally approved, I think from misapprehension ~~to a great degree~~ mainly.

I am much obliged by your kind letter & its frank & judicious advice. I had almost given up Germany before your letter arrived. I hope you will return by England & there are good steam packets from Hamburgh, & then take passage at Liverpool in the Boston line of Packets for Boston. The B. line ~~an~~ is superior in accommodations, in some little, but to comfort, important matters to the N. York; besides ~~the~~ it is not so much crowded with passengers. You obtain a Whole State Room to yourself communicating by door with one for Mrs R. Room at sea will be of much importance to you. The Capt. of "the Boston" Mackey is ~~[illegible]~~ a New England man of some religious feelings & great kindness & attention to his passengers. I have not heard an oath on Board & in every respect am as comfortable as the best ship & the most attentive crew & officers can make me. It is a great contrast from the Charlemagne, in which I sailed to Havre. Capt. Mackey sails on the 20th June from L. which if it is not too late will be the pleasantest time for sailing. In a letter from Mrs. Wheelen, she says, "I hope you have said enough of me to Mrs. Robinson to let her know she will find other friends at Windsor than yourself; I wish very much to see her." As a father I can sympathize in ~~these~~ the joys & anxieties of Mrs. R. & yourself. May God grant, that the new ~~[illegible]~~ affections which he has called forth, in our becoming parents, may serve to bind us more & more to Him & his service.

I am glad to hear of Prof. Tholuck's prospects; I am not surprised that the solitariness of a years residence in the city of bachelors should have given him a thorough disgust to the class. Please make my best regards to him, & tell him I have found one Englishman, who considers the doctrine of the trinity as the grand f6j

preservative, in philosophy, from Pantheism, & ~~in ordinary~~ in ~~life~~ unthinking minds from idolatry. He regards it as incapable of proof ~~[illegible]~~ from the light of nature, or very nearly so. Could he not conceive of the trinity, as it is proved to be he would become a pantheist. But I have not space for the subject – if I should happen to think it would please Prof. T. Smith some day give him an account of my interview with Mr. Coleridge

Rev. J. Wheeler
Nov. 1829

à Monsieur,
Mons. Edwards Robinson,
aux soins de Messrs. B. Curtis & Porter
44 Rue de l'Echiquier
à Paris.

Northampton Mass. Nov. 28th. I arrived in safety, but found God had come near my family in the removal of our youngest child. O how necessary to learn to love not the creature but the Creator. I have heard but little news in the religious world. Prof. Stuart is said to be engaged in writing a commentary on Rom. Dr Porter is absent in Carolina for the winter & Mr Hoadly supplies his place. Mr Emerson of Norfolk Con. is appointed prof. in the place of Dr Murdock. New Haven Andover Divinity has excited much conversation & some controversy.